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To: Mayor Michael D. Antonovich
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SACRAMENTO UPDATE

Pursuit of County Position on Legislation

SB 1163 (Dunn), as amended on January 10, 2006, would enact the California Critical Infrastructure Facilities Bond Acts of 2006 and 2010 that would, if adopted by the voters, authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds to finance the acquisition, construction, or renovation of State trial court facilities, State park system capital assets, mental health facilities, and other State facilities. This bill is the Governor's courthouse construction portion of the Infrastructure Plan.

SB 1163 would authorize \$1.227 billion in general obligation bonds for 2006, of which \$800 million would be designated for the acquisition, design, construction, or renovation of trial court facilities. The 2010 Act would authorize issuance of \$1 billion of general obligation bonds for trial court facilities acquisition, design, construction, or renovation.

Support for SB 1163 is consistent with Board Action of January 17, 2006 to support the Governor's courthouse construction initiative and instruct our legislative advocates in Sacramento to work with the Department of Finance and to seek an author for legislation to allow the State to become a party to a public/private partnership whereby new or replacement courthouses are constructed in Los Angeles County. **Therefore, our Sacramento advocates will support SB 1163 and request that it be amended to permit courthouse facilities to be constructed through public/private partnership efforts and to authorize a pilot program in Los Angeles County.**

SB 1163 is currently in the Senate Judiciary Committee and is supported by a host of entities, including: California State Association of Counties; California Judges Association; Judicial Council of California; State Bar of California; Superior Court of California; and the Counties of Contra Costa, El Dorado, Fresno, Glenn, Humboldt, Imperial, Lake, Orange, Napa, Placer, Riverside, Sacramento, San Benito, San Bernardino, San Diego, Santa Clara, Stanislaus, Tulare and Yolo. There is no registered opposition.

SB 1375 (Lowenthal), as introduced on February 21, 2006, would require the State to become a party to any public-private partnership agreement to replace deficient court facilities when that agreement involves a lease. The Judicial Council would have to determine that an affected court facility is deficient, and that construction of a replacement facility is the most suitable way to correct the deficiencies.

Current law provides for the transfer of responsibility for court facilities from counties to the Judicial Council of California. Transfer of facilities that are deemed to be deficient may occur only if there is an agreement to remedy the deficiencies and very few court facilities have been transferred because so many have structural deficiencies. Use of public-private partnership efforts to replace the most deficient court facilities has the potential to expedite the transfer of facility responsibility.

Support for SB 1375 is consistent with Board Action of January 17, 2006 to support the Governor's courthouse construction initiative and instruct our legislative advocates in Sacramento to work with the Department of Finance and seek a legislative author to allow the State to become a party to a public/private partnership whereby new or replacement courthouses are constructed in Los Angeles County. **Therefore, our Sacramento advocates will support SB 1375.** This measure is currently awaiting a hearing in the Senate Judiciary Committee. There is no registered support or opposition at this time.

We will continue to keep you advised.

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